

CHARTER OAK NEWS.

Miss Hazel Mount enjoyed a visit from her sister, Miss Mount, who arrived on Tuesday. Miss Haskins of Denison and a cousin from Nebraska visited at the home of Mrs. C. M. Sanders last week. Miss Jessie Loney of Denison came Thursday for a visit in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McWilliams. Stewart Scriber was a Charter Oak visitor on Tuesday of last week. Last week brought more of the Charter Oak boys home from school. Thomas Thomsen, Jr., from Moraing Side, Roy Probasco from Iowa City and Clark Marshall from Ames. Miss Orpha Hieland of Panora attended the commencement exercises last week. The graduates were formerly her pupils. Mrs. John Torrey returned the last of the week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lonsar, at Wall Lake. Mrs. Maydon Richards returned Friday from her winter's sojourn at Southern Pines, North Carolina. She came to Charter Oak from Dubuque, where she had spent several days among relatives and friends. On Wednesday evening the members of the Methodist choir, the teachers in the public school and their "better halves" met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Drake in honor of Miss Carson and Prof. Coleman. After an hour of social chat the company was entertained with music by Miss Grace Mains, Miss Vera Hayter of Vermillion, Miss Ethel Sturges, Mr. Coleman and D. A. Waterhouse. Mr. Coleman was very much surprised when Rev. Cathcart, in behalf of the choir, arose and presented him with a fine military set and in a few well chosen words expressed their appreciation of his faithful work with them during the last few months. Before Mr. Coleman had quite recovered from his surprise Miss Florence Drake arose and with a little speech such as Miss Drake only could make presented Miss Carson with a pretty set of damask linen. Upon the surprised head of Miss Carson rained flower petals from all sides. It is to the regret of all that Miss Carson returns to us no more and a little bird says her pupils will be limited to one. Miss Lydia Wertz returned home last week from her school duties in Sioux City. Miss Frances McKenzie left Friday evening for Dows, Iowa, where she will visit for a while with her sister, Mrs. Frank Korth. Mrs. Charles Milligan of Sioux City and sister, Miss Bertha Romans of Denison, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Romans for short time last week. On Thursday evening the Seniors and Juniors presented to a good sized audience the class play entitled, "The Man from Barneo." The high school orchestra furnished some excellent music. A Friday evening the regular education exercises were held in the opera house. The speaker for the class of 1910 was Lucian E. Follansbee, Mr. Follansbee has spoken in Charter Oak before and the people were not disappointed in expecting to hear something good. After the address Supt. Carlton presented the class of 1910 and Dr. G. S. Waterhouse presented the diplomas to the class. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dietz spent Saturday in Sioux City. Miss Carrie Barber came from New Mexico last week for a visit in the home of her brother, A. F. Barber. Carl Kagerah left Sunday evening for New York from which port he will sail for Germany in about a week. En route to New York he will visit Niagara Falls and other points of interest. He expects to be gone about three months. Mrs. Sam Wright of Denver, Col., arrived Sunday to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Sweet. She was accompanied by Miss Walker, a friend of Miss Mildred Sweet. J. C. Egbert of The Dall, Ore., who has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. Chas. Robertson and Miss Nan Egbert, left Saturday morning, after a stay of two weeks in Charter Oak. Mrs. Ed. Schelm came last week to help care for her father, Wm. Topf. She will be in Charter Oak for two or three weeks. Mrs. Chas. Coleman of Denison came Saturday to see her son, who has been sick. Chas. Drake went to Sioux City Saturday for over Sunday. Chas. Robertson was a Mapleton caller on Saturday. School closed last week and the teachers have departed for their homes in the different parts of the state. Miss Pearl McElwain was a Charter Oak caller from Kenwood last Saturday. Miss Vera Hayter and Miss Jessie Christy returned to Vermillion Saturday, after a visit of two or three days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sturges. Wm. Wilson and Carl Sturges made a flying trip to Denison Saturday behind a spirited team of colts.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jacobsen of Mapleton spent Sunday with relatives in Charter Oak. The daughter of Asbury Eyer of Sioux City is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Jones in Charter Oak this week. Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mains left Monday for Stewart, Neb., where they will visit relatives for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Way of Mapleton came down Saturday evening to spend Sunday with Mrs. Way's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hardy. Miss Ruht Hatley went to Polk City Thursday to visit relatives. Miss Alta Mackey came up from Arion Saturday to visit her brother, Charles and family. Louis Herbison bade goodby to his friends Tuesday and took the train for South Dakota, where he will live on a claim for a while. Bert Weed and Wm. Wilson left Monday on a business trip to Nebraska. Richard Brosamle of Battle Creek came Saturday to visit his parents in Charter Oak. I. A. Mains was a Sioux City caller last week. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snyder are visiting relatives in Council Bluffs. They will also attend the marriage of their nephew while there.

VAIL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fitzgibbons, last Wednesday, June 8, 1910, welcomed a little daughter to their home and firepale. Her avordupois was ten pounds to begin with. They have the congratulations of their many friends. Joe Monaghan was down from Denison the first of the week. Mrs. J. Jos. McAndrews accompanied by her daughter, Pearl, left Wednesday morning for Witten, S. D., where they will spend the summer with Mr. McAndrews on the claim. Mrs. Mike Kral and daughter spent the first of last week in Carroll with friends. Herbert Suiter visited friends here the first of last week. Miss Julia and Marie Ryan returned Thursday evening from a few days' visit in Omaha. E. L. Barber was here from Denison the first of last week on business. John Dieter spent a part of last week at Kennebec, S. D., looking after his land interests. Miss Manetta Jorgensen visited the past couple of weeks with friends at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Wm. Vennink is visiting at Manilla with his brother, John and family. Miss Lillian Cranny was calling on friends in Denison Tuesday. Alie Starek and wife of West Side attended the dance here last Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McMahan of Manilla spent Wednesday here at the Tom Powers home. Mrs. Adam Short visited friends in Denison Saturday. Mrs. Mike Maher of Arcadia visited Vail friends Monday. Mr. Wm. McAlpin of St. Louis arrived in Vail last week for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Jess Dieter, and other relatives. Miss Webber of Denison was a guest at the John Breen home the first of the week. John Brockelaby and Andrew Whiting were transacting business in Denison Saturday. Misses Loretta Monaghan and Regina Moleseed spent Sunday afternoon in Dunlap with friends. Albert Vernon was transacting business at the county seat Monday. Mrs. John Driscoll is reported on the sick list. Mrs. Thos. Ryan is sojourning in Omaha the last couple of weeks with relatives. Frank Maguire moved last week to the house in the north part of town which he bought sometime ago from Mrs. Haas. Clint Paine of Kennebec, S. D., made his Vail friends a few days' visit the first of the week. Mrs. J. Powers and daughter, Nellie, spent Monday in Denison. M. J. Keene and Pat Lynch were Denisonites Saturday. Miss Florence Lynch of St. Louis is a guest at the Jess Dieter home. Mrs. J. German returned to Seattle, Wash., Wednesday, after a couple of weeks' visit here with relatives. Miss Nellie Collins of Denison visited last week here at the John Holland home. Born to Pete Lally and wife, a daughter, June 7, 1910. Dr. Darling attended the G. A. R. encampment at Des Moines last week. He returned home Saturday morning and reports a large attendance and a good time. Miss Fae Ratchford was Denison caller Saturday. Clifford Barborka of Denison visited last week at the John Kral home. Charles Knowles of Sioux City was an over Sunday guest at the Mrs. M. Maguire home. Miss Martha O'Leary of South Omaha came Thursday for a visit with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson,

who have been visiting the former's brother, Dan Robertson, both of town, left Saturday for Manilla for a visit with relatives before returning to their home at Hobart, Okla. George Kral left for Chicago Tuesday to visit his brother, Theodore Kral. Mrs. Jas. Dugan and Miss Agnes Monaghan spent Tuesday in Omaha on business. Miss Marguerite Haugh of Denison was calling on Vail friends Saturday. John McGovern was in Omaha Tuesday to buy feeders. Mrs. John Cranny and daughter, Maud, were Denison callers Friday. The Misses McCarthy and Clarke of Denison spent Sunday at the Jas. Hickey home. Miss Alys Staininger of Denison visited friends here and attended the dance Wednesday evening. Miss Celestina and Irene Kernan of Jackson was here Saturday. Bill Weise of Manning was here on business Friday. Miss Andry Watson of Denison is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marti. Mrs. Charles Petersen of Denison was calling on her many Vail friends last week. J. M. Fouts was in Denison on business Tuesday. Mr. John Coughlin of New Castle, Neb., visited a couple of days here last week with his sister, Mrs. John Walsh and family. Mrs. Mary Grover has moved into the A. Curry residence in the north part of town which she purchased last week. Mrs. Ed. Kennedy and children of Clinton City came last week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. Mc Carthy, and sister, Mrs. Mary Quirk. Miss Loretta took her departure the first of last week for an extended visit with relatives in the east. Mrs. J. T. Walsh and children spent a couple of days last week with her folks at Portsmouth, Iowa. Joe Monaghan and Ed. Lane were down from Denison Monday meeting friends. Miss Lulu Maguire of West Side spent Sunday here. Miss Blanche Hickey spent a couple of days the first of the week with Denison relatives. Mrs. Ed. Duffy had the first joint of her thumb amputated last Wednesday on account of blood poisoning. John McCarthy of Denison was an over Sunday guest of Vail friends. The ball game played here Sunday between Vail and Scranton, resulted in favor of Scranton 3 to 0. It was a good game and a fair attendance. Wm. Hannon last week sold his residence now occupied by John Ryan to Mrs. Ahrenkell. It is a nice location and Mrs. Ahrenkell was lucky in securing such a nice place for a home. Mrs. M. Thurmond spent a couple of days last week in Omaha.

WEST DENISON NEWS.

Misses Maud, May and Clara Conner spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Houlihan, Mr. Pat Collins and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Houlihan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Houlihan Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Powell and family were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith of Dow City Sunday. Miss Edna Fritz of Dow City was a guest at the home of John Fritz the past week. Leonard O'Brien spent Sunday with Eugene Owens. Miss Nora Fitzpatrick is spending a few weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. J. Keating. Annie Evers spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Kruse. Mrs. Oscar Fienhold and little daughter, Irene, were guests of Mrs. Jas. Owens, Sunday. A large crowd gathered at the home of August Kahl Saturday evening. All report a merry time. Miss Rose Clarke of Denison visited with Miss Agnes Owens Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Holst were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kahl. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kruse were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Evers. Mr. Joe Flaherty and sisters of Charter Oak spent Saturday and Sunday at the Owens home. Paul Norris is helping Eugene Owens with his work. That Mighty Pen. The superiority of man to nature is continually illustrated. Nature needs an immense quantity of quills to make a goose with, but a man can make a goose of himself with one.—Christian Register. A New Art Firm. "The retables of the altar is composed of seven gilt panels of Fra and Jellicoe's angels."—Ludlow Advertiser. This well-known firm makes a specialty of angels. Fra's is supposed to be the inspiring brain, and Jellicoe does the rest.—Punch. Daily Thought. Never yet was the voice of conscience silenced without retribution.—Anna Jameson.

The Man of Many Deaths

By HENRI DE FORGE

Thus spoke the old captain: "Yes, gentlemen—before God I swear it—on the twenty-eighth of February, 1871, of a Saturday, the last day of the siege of Paris, I stood for the fourth and last time, face to face with a Prussian officer whom I had thrice seen die, under entirely different conditions." We made no effort to conceal our doubt of this story. "Here you have the story. We were in camp at Port Mont Valerien; Gen. Noel was in command, and no day passed without a skirmish with the enemy. A few days before the encounter at Bourget, while reconnoitering toward Longboyau, we heard in the woods the tramping of horse, and the rhythmic sound of cavalry on the march. At a sign to my men, we dropped flat in the shrubbery on the Buell road, and waited. "Presently, the enemy emerged from the wood, moving quietly, two abreast. "At the side rode an officer, a tall, well-grown fellow with a blonde mustache, and a handsome, proud face. I was considered a good shot in the regiment, and my men whispered: "Now is your chance, sergeant!" "I closed my eyes involuntarily and fired. When I dared to look, I saw men and horses rising and falling in confusion, and many soldiers crashing through the woods at a gallop. The officer lay on the ground at full length. How immensely tall a dead man looks! I gazed at him long and attentively, not without a shudder, and I felt that never in all my life could I forget that face. "A few days later I was on furlough in Paris, and I used the opportunity to ask after one of my friends, Lieut. Legras, who had been wounded at Bondy, and who was in the hospital at Val-de-Grace. During our chat, I noticed at a cot near us the vague whispering and meaning glances which tell of expected death. The doctor came, bent for a moment over the occupant of the cot, and signed to the two Sisters of Charity in attendance, who dropped on their knees in prayer. "Legras whispered in my ear: 'A Prussian officer who is going to hand over his sword; he has been two days dying.' I looked toward the bed; at the same instant the sufferer raised himself partly up in a struggle for breath, and as he fell back dead, I began to tremble like a leaf, and the ashen pallor of my face startled Legras. "It was the corn-blond German hero whom I had shot down on the Buell road, who lay dead in the hospital cot. "The answer to my inquiry was to the effect that the dead man was a Prussian captain who had been picked up gravely wounded on the field near Bondy, two days previously—therefore it could not be the same officer who a week before had fallen, pierced by my bullet. "Day and night my excited brain sought in vain an explanation of this mystery, till the battle of Montretout turned my thoughts into a new channel. "We were pushing toward the Chateau of Buzanval when I picked out with my field-glass a group of Prussian staff-officers among which two figures stood out boldly, probably the leaders of the sortie. Suddenly on our left flank was revealed three squadrons of the enemy dashing pell-mell upon us in a mad gallop. At the head of the enemy's attack was the undying dead officer of Longboyau and Val-de-Grace. Straight as a dart he bore down upon me, swinging aloft his gleaming saber. I fired upon him, and the next moment found myself rolling under my assailant's riderless horse. As soon as I could regain my feet, I sprang upon the body of the fallen Prussian which lay near me, and (I confess freely what was perhaps an act of fiendish revenge), I plunged my bayonet deeply three times in the lifeless breast of the man who had become a hideous nightmare. "He was surely dead now, was he not? "Then came the days for the signing of our truce. "I was on the outworks when the parliamentary signal was blown. A Prussian officer approached me, followed by a corporal. As the tall stately figure drew nearer, it seemed as if every drop of blood in my body was turning to ice. The blue gleam of the eye, the gold-blond color of the long mustache, the whole expression of the face, at once forceful and dreamy. He it was again, my haunting vision, my three-times fallen Germanic hero—the same whom only eight days before, my bayonet had pierced through and through. "Motionless, silent, I watched him, overwhelmed with the conviction that the Prussians could not die, as we did—but that they rose from the dead after each conflict, to fight us anew. Noticing my gaze fixed upon him, the Prussian said in a gentle voice: "It is a mercy, sir, that this cruel conflict has come to an end. Your resistance was admirable, and very fatal to our side. As an individual I can speak feelingly; of four brothers of my family who fought before Paris, I am the only one to survive." A woman minister in Pennsylvania has resigned because she finds the combined duties of fulfilling her pulpit obligations and running a boarding house too much for her. Saving souls while serving hash certainly does seem a trifle incompatible.

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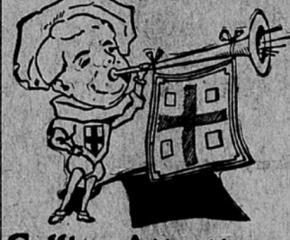
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